

# APVI AGM 2017

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*Bayview Eden, Melbourne 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017*

## Attendees

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### Members:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
1. Ken Guthrie	Sustainable Energy Transformations
2. Dylan McConnell	Uni Melbourne
3. Renate Egan	Solinno
4. Steve Blume	No Carbon Pty Ltd
5. Pete Gorton	Bisi p/l
6. Chris Fell	CSIRO
7. Anna Bruce	UNSW
8. Muriel Watt	ITP Renewables
9. Richard Corkish	UNSW and ACP
10. Oliver Woldring	ITP Renewables
11. Rob Passey	UNSW/COREM/ITP
12. Olivia Coldrey	Olivia Coldrey
13. Mike Robers	UNSW
14. Navid Haghdadi	UNSW
15. Dan Stevens	APVI
16. Suneeti Purohit	UNSW
17. Sharon Young	UNSW
18. Nathan Chang	Solinno

### Non-members:

None

## Apologies

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Lyndon Frearson,	Director APVI
Igor Skyrabin,	Director APVI
Ken Guthrie,	SET
Nicolle Ghiotto,	Director APVI
Mary Hendriks	Executive AESA

The meeting commenced at 5:50pm, with Renate Egan as Chair.

## Minutes

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The minutes from the 2016 AGM were accepted as a true record.  
(Moved Peter Gorton, seconded Steve Blume)

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## Matters Arising

None

## Chair's Report

The Chair's presented 2017 report. The report is embedded herein. Following is a summary of additional remarks made by the Chair and some ensuing discussion:

### SUMMARY 2017 ACTIVITIES

#### Projects

- Roll-out of Solar Potential Tool (NSW Councils)
- IEA representation (through to end 2018)
- COREM (2015-
- Consumer Advocacy Panel
- Annual Solar Research Conference
- Real-time operational PV simulations for distribution network service providers with ANU ([Nic Engerer](#))
- Networks Renewed with UTS (Geoff James)

#### Submissions on behalf of industry

- Cost Reflective Pricing (ECA)
- Queensland Productivity Commission Draft Report: Electricity Pricing Inquiry (March)
- AER SA Power Networks Tariff Structure Statement (May)
- AER on Ergon and Energex Tariff Structure Statement (May )
- Victorian [Govt](#) Review of Exemption Orders (Aug )
- Senate Enquiry on ARENA budget cuts (Sept)

#### Pending

- ANU – [Blakers](#) on pumped hydro
- Solar Analytics – live data for Solar Map

#### Presentations

- Energy Globe Award (January, Dubai)
- CSIRO Solar Hackathon (April, Newcastle)
- IEA & ARENA (May, Canberra)
- Renewable Cities (June)
- AES Workshop (June)
- Clean Energy Summit (July)
- Task 1 OA Meeting (October, Sydney)
- Solar Research Conference (Dec, ANU)



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PV INSTITUTE**

The Solar Map remains a key project for the APVI and is widely accessed, cited and acknowledged.

- In late 2017 APVI was awarded funding by Smart Cities and Suburbs for platform development and in support of national roll-out

Partnerships have evolved a little since last year

- Climate council media remains strong

## Reports, Submissions and Presentations

- The Chair presented a list of Many presentations and workshops produced by APVI this year including CEEM & APVI Tariff Workshop, WA Power and Gas, Australian Energy Week in June and Hosted IEA ExCo Meeting (Melbourne).
- APVI has made a number of submissions to the regulator, utilities and government offices on behalf of its members. These submissions can all be found on the APVI website
- The Chair thanked members who have made presentations or attended meetings on APVI's behalf.

## PVPS Tasks and Research projects

- Australia's representation to IEA on PVPS and SHC (to end 2018, new funding being sought)
- National survey reports to IEA
  - Applying for funding for ongoing participation (beyond end 2018)
- APVI hosted 2017 ExCo meeting
- 2018 Solar Research Conference: Next conference in Sydney
- Global Innovation Linkages (supporting cell and module research at UNSW)
- Smart Cities and Suburbs (just awarded, to June 2019)
- Networks renewed (with UTS)
- Industry representation on policy and tariff reform (ongoing)

## Future Projects

The following is a summary of existing and planned projects

- Large Scale Solar (integration, outcomes and impact). PROPOSED
- Battery and Module Recycling (with UTS, pending)

## SunSPoT

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#### SMART CITIES AND SUBURBS

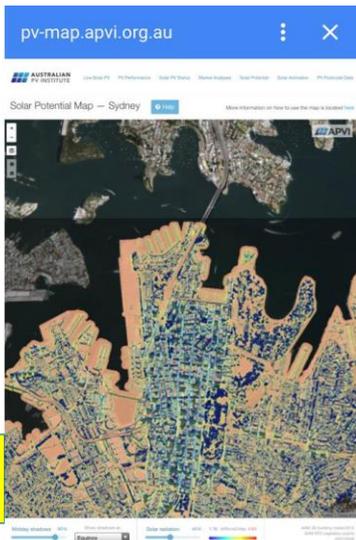
Working with up to twenty Councils and other participating organisations across Australia on a wider roll-out of the Solar Potential Tool.

430k over 18 months

Councils pay to have their area mapped and subscribe to maintain the data.

Project funds support the data acquisition and allow to build out new features

Let us know if you are interested in working with your council in the wider roll-out.



Have recruited Dan Stevens as Community Development Manager

Sought interest form members

SunSPoT- interest from

- Richard re Parramatta and other western Sydney councils.

- Peter Gorton

- Chris fell re Newcastle.
- Steve for ACT
- Steve Blume suggested we work with Association of local government managers. Who meet each year in April May
- Oliver Woldring suggest we use this to establish base to deliver national map. Agreed. This is the plan.

### Policy and Tarrif Reform

On tariff project. Muriel advises that AER interested in work. Keen for submissions. Opportunity for partnership. Muriel provided contact details.. Scott Sandler AER scott.sandler@aer.org.au

### Membership and Funding

- Issues: being apolitical, we struggle to be seen in a politically charged discussion
- We have enthusiastic members with lots of ideas, but not the resources to develop ideas and seek funding.
- Maintaining profile
  - Lots of presentations and outreach in 2017 (see presentations). Including appearance The Drum
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**The Chair's report was accepted.**  
(Moved Peter Gorton, seconded Steve Blume)

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### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented..  
Following is a summary of remarks made by the Treasurer and ensuing discussion:

#### Current Financial Year

- Rob Passey presented financials. Reported small loss in fy16/17
- Due largely to hosting cost for solar map which was previously covered by project funds and is expected to be covered in future by project funds.

#### Questions

- Peter Gorton asked for a 2018 forecast. Rob Passey predicts FY 17/18 to be more like FU15/16 so with a profit.
- The meeting discussed expectations around cash reserves and project accounting. Target Cash reserves of 50k
- Project funds are all only paid out after receipt of project cash. No risk to APVI.
- Conference funding runs a small profit each year with reducing support from Arena. Will need to be self sufficient by 2019.
- Richard Corkish asked for full accounts on projects. Rob Passey agreed to circulate audited accounts and to table prior to AGM in 2018

## Appointment of auditor

- Rob is very happy with current auditors, they are good and thorough.
- Peter Gorton asked for cost estimates: Tax 1600. Audit 1700 Projects 700.
- The meeting discussed and agreed it was good value.

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## WC Accountants proposed as auditors. Moved Rob Passey, seconded Ken Guthrie

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## Subscription fees

- No change in fees at end 2017
- Noting that there was a recommendation passed to establish a regular annual increment in 2017 Minutes.

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## The Treasurer's report was accepted. (Moved Peter Gorton , seconded Anna Bruce)

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## Election of Board and Office Bearers

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Directors are in place for 2 years unless they retire.

### ELECTION OF 2018 BOARD AND NOMINATION OF OFFICE BEARERS

- The current APVI Board consists of  
Olivia Coldrey, Renate Egan, Chris Fell, Lyndon Frearson, Nicole Ghiotto, Igor Skyrabin, Oliver Woldring,
- **Retiring:** Igor Skyrabin, Oliver Woldring, Lyndon Frearson and Renate Egan
- **Nominations:** Mike Roberts, Oliver Woldring, and Renate Egan

**▪ 2018 Election of Board**

**Chair and Executive Committee positions (current holder indicated in brackets)**

Chair\*1 (Renate Egan) Secretary\*2 (Linda Koschier), Treasurer (Rob Passey), Public Officer (Igor Skyrabin)

The meeting to take nominations for office bearers.

\*1 Renate Egan, Linda Koschier, Rob Passey are agreeable to continue in their roles

\*2 Public Officer role open

**The Directors can vote, at this meeting or at the next Board meeting**



In 2017, the board resolved to increase to number of Directors to seven

- Igor Skyrabin, Renate Egan, Oliver Woldring, Lyndon Frearson retiring
- Renate Egan, Oliver Woldring renominated
- Mike Roberts nominated
- with same no of nominations as positions available those nominated (Egan, Woldring, Roberts) are elected unopposed.

- The chair thanks Igor and Lyndon for their contributions.
- Renate Egan will continue in the role of chair
- Linda Koschier continues in secretary role.

## **Other Business**

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Communications - Muriel suggests we use Giles and Renew Economy more often

Website - Muriel notes lots of out of date info on website

Submissions - Steve Blume suggests we aim for joint submissions including w smart energy council

Peter Gorton will look into ISES membership cross over to better reflect representation.

**Meeting closed at 6:44**