

ELECTRIC VEHICLE NEWSLETTER 2—AUGUST 2017



The Electric Vehicle (EV) project has moved to the next stage with NDEVR Environmental appointed to conduct the feasibility study and business case for the project on behalf of our 10 partner councils.

An initiation meeting has been held in Benalla, and fleet managers are now busy collating data for the feasibility study. This data will include vehicle numbers, kilometres travelled, costs and fuel use and be used to inform the viability of a transition to electric vehicles. A survey has been prepared to scope our Councils understanding and attitudes to Electric Vehicles, which will be vital for successful implementation of EVs in our fleets.

EVs have been receiving recent media attention, with a number of countries recently moving to ban petrol and diesel vehicles, some car-makers phasing out ICE production, and an EV highway proposed in Queensland to encourage EV ownership. Many agencies are predicting a significant increase in EV uptake as battery costs come down and technology advances. State government targets to decrease greenhouse gas emissions are also in the mix, with fleet a key target sector. Tesla charging stations are currently being installed in a number of locations in the Goulburn Broken, opening up the region to Tesla owners. The timing of this project couldn't be better, and will place our regional Councils as innovative leaders in this field.

A couple of handy EV websites include <http://electricvehiclecouncil.com.au/> and <https://myelectriccar.com.au/>

This is a 12 month partnership project funded and supported by ten regional councils, the Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance, and the Victorian Government's Collaborating Council – Sustainability Fund Partnership.

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