

Fellow AEVA members,

Over the past two years, I have been an active and dedicated member of our fantastic club, engaging in numerous activities to promote EVs and the AEVA brand. The countless hours and long weekends spent at EV expos, sustainability fairs, and community events have been incredibly rewarding for me. Several AEVA members, including some in the committee, have noticed my dedication and have endorsed my candidacy for the position of Vice-Chair in our organisation, recognizing the potential for increased involvement.

My involvement with AEVA extends far beyond attending weekend EV expos. I have created media publicity to raise awareness for the successful TOCEVA marathon rally in 2022 and shared videos of its success on social media (<https://youtu.be/l63s5SkFFhU>). Additionally, I volunteered at the Fully Charged Live show, where I showcased my EV, organised the volunteer roster, and made an audiovisual presentation for both AEVA and Tesla Owners Club of Australia, which I am also an active member.

In all my public engagements, I passionately emphasise the crucial role AEVA plays in accelerating EV adoption, demystifying EVs, and advocating for sensible government policies to encourage greater EV adoption. I have delivered face-to-face presentations to the community, friends and family, and local and national climate action groups (e.g. aa4ca.org, <https://climateactionbcb.org>), stressing the importance of EVs in their climate action efforts (e.g. <https://youtu.be/TZojMINZZkY?t=1133>).

Recently, the efforts of a local climate action group, Climate Action Burwood Canada Bay, of which I am a committee member, were recognized by Ms. Stephanie Di Pasqua MP (Liberal MP for Drummoyne) in a speech at NSW Parliament. She acknowledged our work in fostering future leaders through events like the "Speaking 4 the Planet" event for World Environment Day at Homebush Boys High School (<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=662168619267442>).

In my spare time, I actively dispel myths about EVs on social media and work on translating sustainability-related material into other languages to reach non-English-speaking communities.

My vocal advocacy for EVs because of their positive impact on our environment, making our cities quieter, and reducing overall ownership costs, has led to my daughter's teacher asking me to present to 100 year six students about innovation, sustainability, and of course, EVs. This talk will be on 10/08/2023.

Looking further ahead, Climate Action Burwood Canada Bay and I have an exciting project scheduled for next year—an ambitious community fair promoting sustainable living and energy use in my local electorate of Reid, involving seven suburbs. This initiative has garnered support from significant VIPs, including Dr Saul Griffith, Federal MP for Reid, NSW MPs, local Mayors, Councillors, and the Smart Energy Council, all pledging to attend. One of the main aims is to showcase to the community the central role EVs and AEVA play in a sustainable future.

I firmly believe that with mass adoption of EVs, they will become more affordable for everyone, and I am dedicated to working towards this goal with AEVA's support. I have therefore been committed to ensuring that rural communities are not left behind in the EV revolution, through events like EV expos in rural areas (<https://www.lakemac.com.au/Events-directory/Council-events/Community-Electric-Vehicle-Open-Day>) and by highlighting successes like the Model 3's Perth to Sydney Marathon completion. The bridge in the urban-rural divide and equal opportunities for all, is one of my strongest beliefs.

While AEVA is a fantastic organisation, I also see a greater need for gender and ethnic diversity within our executive ranks. As an immigrant, I am naturally identified with non-English-speaking members and the broader community, contributing to a stronger and more inclusive AEVA.

With these passions and goals in mind, I am eager to take on a more prominent leadership role within the NSW AEVA branch. The executive position of Vice-Chair presents a unique opportunity to contribute meaningfully to our missions. I am confident that my continual dedication, knowledge, and drive align perfectly with the responsibilities of the Vice-Chair position.

I would be incredibly grateful for your support and endorsement for this role.

With gratitude,

Dr. Steven Du