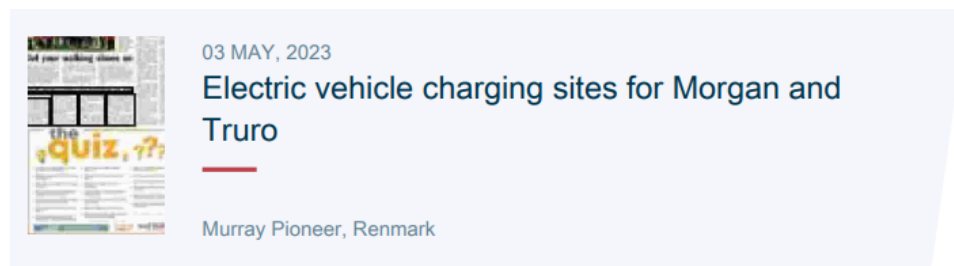


Community Engagements on all frontiers in the media:



Electric vehicle charging sites for Morgan and Truro

CHRISTINE WEBSTER

THE RAA is working closely with Mid Murray Council to finalise suitable locations for electric vehicle (EV) charging sites at Morgan and Truro.

Construction has already started in some parts of SA on a network of EV charging stations, through an initiative being run by the state's motor-ing service provider.

The RAA said the 140 sites part of the first border-to-bor-

der network were expected to be completed in 2024.

RAA EV charging program director Andrew Howard said more than 75 per cent of charging sites would be in regional locations, opening up all areas of South Australia for drivers of these vehicles.

"Plans for the RAA Charge network include two DC Rapid electric vehicle charging sites in the Mid-Murray region – one in Morgan and

one in Truro," he said.

He said DC Rapid chargers could "fully charge the average EV in as little as 20 to 30 minutes".

"Once complete, each of these locations will have two parking bays with DC rapid charging points," Mr Howard said.

"The RAA will be excited to announce when these locations are coming online as part of the RAA Charge network in the near future."

Mid Murray Council CEO Ben Scales said council was working with the RAA and the SA government to determine the most appropriate locations for EV charging sites in Morgan and Truro.

"There will be an increase in EV vehicles in the future," Mr Scales said

"Providing opportunities for people to recharge their cars creates tourism opportunities and visitation opportunities for those townships."

EV plan for Day Street?

By DEIRDRE GRAHAM

Four electric vehicle charging stations could be headed to Day Street in Pinnaroo.

The RAA has approached the Southern Mallee District Council about the plan, as part of the state government's Electric Vehicle Action Plan.

The government and the RAA are building a state-wide electric vehicle charging network with more than 500 charging points across the state by 2023.

According to last week's council agenda Pinnaroo has been identified as a key site for the stations – due to the necessary power supply being adjacent with the transformer present, amenities located close by and only a short one-minute walk to the main street and the Pinnaroo Village Green.

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In partnership with the South Australian Government, RAA is building the state's first EV charging network. More than 530 charging points will be installed across the state by the end of January 2024. We're not the only ones excited by the initiative.

We've spoken to two South Australian businesses keen to house one of the EV charging points and add a spark across our regions.

Jason Duffield **The Manna, Hahndorf (Adelaide Hills)**

Why do you think the EV charging network is a positive for SA?

Having spent the past 32 years of my life in tourism and hospitality in Hahndorf, [the EV charging network] is one of the best initiatives I've seen come across my desk, and I congratulate all involved.

Why did The Manna want to be involved in the initiative?

The Haus Group is the largest accommodation provider in Hahndorf and the Adelaide Hills. As such, we attract many interstate, overseas and SA-based travellers who are increasingly aware of the importance of smart and sustainable travel – particularly with fuel costs on the rise.



The Manna in Hahndorf will house an EV charging point. Image: SATC/Kirkbee Pty Ltd

How do you think the EV charging network will benefit your business?

The Haus Group believes the addition of the charging network will appeal to the more conscious and savvy traveller who has invested in an electric vehicle for a variety of reasons. [These travellers] will be attracted to stay at properties that offer [EV charging] for its customers.

We think it's a real positive, not only for us but Hahndorf and the Adelaide Hills as a tourism destination. We see it having a positive impact for many years to come.