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## **Solar powered electric vehicle charging stations now available at Alice Springs Airport**

Alice Springs Airport has installed two solar powered electric vehicle charging stations in the long-term car park. The charging stations are powered during daylight hours by solar power generated from the solar array located on the car park roof overhead. Generally, electric vehicle charging stations are powered by non-renewable energy, making these stations uniquely sustainable.

General Manager Alice Springs Airport, Dave Batic said, "Given the increase in popularity of electric vehicles being used by locals and interstate visitors, we saw the airport as a convenient place for users to charge their vehicles. Initially we will make the charging stations free to users while we assess demand."

"Locals can conveniently leave their car on charge at the airport while they travel interstate and collect their fully charged vehicle on return. We also expect the stations will be beneficial to interstate road trippers when arriving into Alice Springs. The only cost to users will be the normal costs associated with use of the long-term car park".

The chargers are easy to use and are compatible with a wide range of electric cars currently on the Australian market and have a fast charging option. Installation of the charging stations was carried out by local company Pep's Electrical at a cost of \$20,000.

"Alice Springs Airport is making a commitment to a sustainable future and the installation of the electric vehicle charging stations is another step in our ongoing commitment to environmental management", said Mr Batic.

## **Photo Opportunity**

Arrangements can be made for a photo opportunity at the airport with local electric car owner Hunter Murray and General Manager Alice Springs Airport Dave Batic

Please contact Dave Batic on (08) 8951 1204 to arrange a suitable time.

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