

NAME: Tropical Green Building Network

FACILITATOR: Emma Thirkell

MINUTES: Emma Thirkell

DATE: 4 November 2009

PRESENT: See attached list

GUEST SPEAKER/S:

APOLOGIES: See attached list



ISSUE	INFORMATION PRESENTED AND/OR ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTIONS	WHO
Latest News and Announcements			
BCA 2010	• BCA 2010 Energy Performance Requirements Regulatory Impact Statement and response made 30th October 2009	Network members can view document on www.greenbuild.com.au/forum	
Waste Management Strategy response	The Cairns Regional Council Waste Management Strategy response and questionnaire submitted 16 th October 2009	Network members can view document on www.greenbuild.com.au/forum	
Issues for Discussion			
	• The year that was – Congratulations on our achievements and hard work.	Group made special recognition of Greg Byrnes from Byrnes Homes for winning the HIA Greensmart Award this Year and Patrick Winter from Tropical Trend Homes for winning numerous HIA awards this year. Group also recognised the hard work put in by Emma Thirkell to facilitate the Network in this inaugural year. In turn, Emma Thirkell, thanked all those who supported and assisted to bring about the successes including CAFNEC and Sarah Hoyal, Julie Fry for leading the meetings and various people who have taken the minutes throughout the year.	
	• Is it time to form a committee to facilitate our Network? Current facilitator, Emma Thirkell looking to hand over to new facilitators for 2010.	Network members to respond in February meeting.	All

	TGBN representations on the Sustainable Regions Initiative and the Urban Design Advisory Board... who may like take on this excellent opportunity to help our region build sustainably.	Peter Zeith is leading the Sustainable TNQ Built Environment working group and will represent the Network at those meetings. Emma Thirkell will remain on the UDAB as representation by the TGBN can not be guaranteed if she resigns this position.	
	Opportunity to receive funding from the Cairns Regional Council to help administrate the group. Update on the grant application process.	Rhiana Rickard from CAFNEC is doing great work pulling this together with Emma Thirkell.	Rhiana Rickard, Emma Thirkell, Sarah Hoyal
Presentation			
	No presentation this evening		
Subgroups			
Insulation	Letter submitted to The Hon. Jim Turnour MP to address with the Minister for the Environment concerning the insulation rebate where the rebate fails to include insulation to the roofs of outdoor living areas.	Reply: No, the department will not change the rebate terms and conditions!	
Grey water systems	TAFE is still organizing the GIS students and the project inclusion in their curriculum.		
Rainwater Tanks	No activity		
Next Meeting	Wednesday 3 Feb 2010 6pm – 7.30pm @ Cairns Library		