



Invitation and Agenda

Meeting: No. 11 Wednesday 3rd February 2010

Place: Cairns City Library meeting room 1

Time: 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

The Network's charter is to identify, develop and action projects that will have a measurable impact on the uptake of sustainable building practices in Far North Queensland. To achieve this, builders, construction service professionals, building material manufacturers, retailers, government representatives, industry and community associations and other interested stakeholders are invited to work together.

A 'contact register' is being circulated. Please leave business cards on the table near the door. Previous minutes can be found at www.greenbuild.com.au/forum

6.00 pm **Introduction** from everyone present and a short explanation of their interest/ activities in Green Building/ Development or Urban Sustainability. A full list of Network participants and their details can be found if you register onto the Forum at <http://www.greenbuild.com.au/forum/>

6.15 pm **Latest News and Announcements:**

- Calender of events for 2010.
- Green Living Expo (for Cairns and Region)
- Cairns Home and Lifestyle Show 27th and 28th March
- World Environment Day 5th June 2010
- Sustainable House Day 12th September 2010
- Sustainable Regions Initiative: Energy Summit news
- Sustainable Regions Initiative: Built Environment team
- Our application for Cairns Regional Council Sustainable Communities Grant.

6.40 pm **Issues for discussion**

- Queensland Government Green Building Trade Mission to China: Invitation to participate. (Please find attachments). 22nd March to 1st April visiting 4 cities and the Green Building Expo in Shanghai with representation through the Trade Queensland stand. An excellent opportunity to see and meet China on the green building front. The opportunities and itinerary will be presented in detail.
- Austrade: The *Green Building Fund* aims to reduce the impact of Australia's built environment on green house gas emissions, by reducing the energy consumed in the operation of existing commercial office buildings. The program provides a grant that targets owners of existing commercial office buildings. It supports them to reduce their energy consumption, by retro-fitting and retro-commissioning of these buildings. Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 are available, for up to 50% of project costs.
- Argentea, Palm Cove: Sales Manager for the award winning estate, Spiri Buhagiar is organising a Sustainable Living Field Day at Argentea for the 24th April 2010.

7.20 pm **Subgroups:**

News from existing subgroups for insulation, rainwater tanks, water management and greywater. Two new subgroups are required for construction waste management and air-conditioning. For more details about the aims and work of the subgroups: <http://www.greenbuild.com.au/forum>
Meeting break into subgroups as required.

7.30 pm Close. Meetings are to be held on the first Wednesday of every month from 5.30 to 7.30 pm at the Cairns City Library. Next meeting 3rd March 2010.