NAME: **Tropical Green Building Network**

FACILITATOR: Julie Fry

MINUTES: Peter Zieth (Fisher And Buttrose Architects)

DATE: 3 February 2010

PRESENT: As per List

ISSUE	INFORMATION PRESENTED AND/OR ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTIONS	WHO
Latest News and Announcements			
Calendar of Events for 2010	At this stage the following events are planned: • Townsville Home Show: 12 – 14 March • Cairns Home and Lifestyle Show: 27/28 March • Sustainable Living Field Day Argentea: 24 April • Energy Summit: 14 May • World Environment Day : 5 June • Green Living Expo: 5 June • EnviroFiesta: ?? August • Sustainable House Day: 12 September		
Green Living Expo	Discussion about last years event. Some members had issue with the fact that the event was held on a Saturday, on a weekend which clashed with Townsville's sustainability Expo and the hours were very early ie started early and finished at 3pm.	Check with Townsville City Council as to when they are having their expo this year. Letter to be sent to CRC and TAFE to address members concerns.	**JF**
Cairns Home and Lifestyle Show 27/28 March	To be held at the Convention Centre. Last year the Tropical Green Building Network organized a prize for the best green display (trip on habitat Cruises). Can we do the same for this year's show.	Members to make suggestions/offers for a prize.	**ALL**
Sustainable Living Field Day Argentea 24 April	Spiri Buhagiar, Sales Manager for Argentea spoke about the upcoming Field Day. Costa from Costa's Gardening Odyssey will be main attraction discussing sustainability in landscapes and more specifically rehabilitation of urban environments.	Any members, builders, architects, green product or service suppliers are invited to have a display and present to the public. Contact Spiri to express interest.	
Sustainable Regions Initiative: Energy Summit News	Proposed date 14 May 2010. DERM has QWestNet. Want to run a program. By invitation only. Looking for showcase operations.	Interested participants need to register their interest. If anyone has recommendations for Projects eg MGF, Conics, CA Architects? Built examples..residential/commercial/hotel or tourism facility? Please contact Emma Thirkell 40531274	

TNQ Sustainable Regions Initiative: Built Environment Team	Peter Zieth reported that the Team is made up of a group of approx. 24 individuals from the community and representative of all sectors. At the last meeting the sub-group of Built Environment was formed. They are yet to formulate the issues to be addressed this year and are looking for suggestions such as: • Construction Waste Recycling • A/C Practices, Noise & Energy Efficiency and look; • Avoidance/Greater emphasis on design principles • Sister City Presentation/info exchange Management Plan System/example document/example project	If any members would like the group to raise an issue with the mayor/Council please contact Peter at peter@fabarchitects.com.au	
CRC Sustainable Communities Grant Application	TGBN applied for a grant of $15,000pa for 3 years, and this would be auspiced by CAFNEC. The primary purpose is to employ an administrator for the network. It is expected that the outcome of this application will be known by the end of the month.		
Issues for Discussion			
Green Building Trade Mission to China 22 March – 1 April	Good opportunity for relationship development which is crucial to doing business in China. May have tropical building portion. Focus is on export. Marketing and specific agenda is important. Network keen to hear from any members who attend.	If interested, contact 07 3224 4230 or tradestrategy@trade.qld.gov.au. For more info www.export.qld.gov.au	
AusTrade: Green Building Fund	Grants from $50,000 to $500,000 on up to 50% of Project costs. Probably last round of grants, expires end April		
Subgroups			
Construction Waste Management?	Formation of Sub-Group deferred until after Built Environment Meeting		
Air-conditioning	Formation of Sub-Group deferred until after Built Environment Meeting		
Rainwater Tanks			
Water Management			
Grey water systems	Greywater mapping of Cairns area. Moving ahead again. Mapping by TAFE students. Terrain and DERM now part of group.		
Insulation			
Building Project	A proposal was put forward to build a home (or 3) using all objectives of this network: resources, expertise, products etc.	Next meeting to be devoted entirely to discussion of this proposal. All interested participants should attend.	**All**
Next Meeting	**Wednesday 3 March 2010 5.30pm – 7.30pm @ TBA**	Approach CAFNEC for use of venue	**Emma**