

NAME: Tropical Green Building Network

FACILITATOR: Julie Fry

MINUTES: Peter Zieth (Fisher And Buttrose Architects)

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PRESENT: Bryan Peach, Greg Byrne, Christine Doan, Daryl Douglass, Kay Bennett, Maree Grenfel, Neil Jones, Patrick Winter, Peter Collins, Rod Butland, Stefan Aeberhard, Rachel Whymark, Lisa Law, Stacey O'Brien



ISSUE	INFORMATION PRESENTED AND/OR ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTIONS	WHO
Latest News and Announcements			
Sustainable Building Forum and 2010 Building Codes	Maurice Evans, Rod Butland, Greg Byrnes, Bryan Peach and Andrew Barrett attended and reported that it was one of the better forums they have been to. McNulty indicated that the Star system was arguably not the best way to go for energy efficiency. They were genuinely interested in what people had to say. An important factor in the system was community education to designers and builders. Major issues were: • 2.4m patios with fans – will negatively impact on the design of tropical homes • Under-floor insulation	Discussion of drafting a summary letter to govt about conflicts in Code requirements once the Minutes are received. Letter should thank them for including us in the forum as well as confirm our position on the credits, software and insulation requirement for insulation under suspended floors.	Rod, Bryan, Greg, Peter and Emma ALSO Maree to email Emma with Parameters for Sustainable House.
Cairns Home and Lifestyle Show 27/28 March	Reminder for anyone wanting to have a stall.		
Sustainable Living Field Day Argentea 24 April	Reminder for anyone wanting to participate. Emma sent out email		
Green Living Expo Date TBA	Emma attended a meeting with TAFE and CRC in relation to the logistics of date/day/time. The organizers have agreed to re-consider their decision to set the date as Saturday 5 June and TGBN has submitted a letter in support and proposed Sunday 20 June. As yet, the date is undecided. NB National Home Show on that weekend at the Showgrounds		
Sustainable Regions Initiative: Energy Summit News	Summit to be held on the 14th of May 2010 in conjunction with TNQ Sustainable Initiative, DERM's Q Westnet program. Emma has been attending meetings at Advance Cairns to assist in putting together this event. The event is to showcase best practice in energy use in the built environment in the Far North.		
Sustainable Regions Initiative: B E Team	Group will be taking GBN items to forum		Peter Z

CRC Event	Sustainability and Climate Change. Event in the City Place on 27 March.		
Issues for Discussion			
CRC Sustainable Communities Grant Application	Our application for Cairns Regional Council Sustainable Communities Grant has been successful. The funding will allow the employment of a part time officer to administer the Network. CAFNEC will administer the grant. Paperwork to secure the grant has been submitted by CAFNEC. Sarah Hoyal from CAFNEC and Emma Thirkell representing the TGBN will attend a cheque receiving ceremony at the CRC on the 16th March. Unfortunately the first year of the grant is only \$7,500 and not \$15,000, although the second year is \$15,000 and 3rd year \$15,000. CAFNEC also have other paid work that runs along the same lines in sustainable built environment and planning and we are hoping to find a person that can take on both roles providing about 3 to 4 days a fortnight.	A job description has to be finalized. Should include duties of maintain network list, minutes, agenda, maintain web.	Emma, Julie
PROPOSED Joint Showcase Project	It has been agreed that the Far North region needs a home (or 3) that showcase best practice in sustainability using 'green' building materials, systems and services. It is proposed that the Network pools resources to design and build the house(s). The house(s) would be available for inspection by the public. Discussion session around location, resources and project contributor marketing opportunities, intellectual property, labour and material costs and sponsorship opportunities. It is planned to focus on an opportunity at the northern beaches, the city and the southern corridor.	Sub-group to meet ASAP	Patrick, Peter C, Rachael, Christine, Greg, Peter Z, Julie, Maree
Subgroups			
Construction Waste Management?	To be included in Showcase Project		
Air-conditioning	No report.		
Rainwater Tanks	No report.		
Water Management	No report.		
Grey water systems	The mapping project is set to continue this year. Members of the greywater mapping project now included TERRAIN. The group is set to meet at the Cairns Regional Council soon.	Meeting next week at CRC from 11.30 to 12.30 pm for all that want to attend.	
Insulation	Home Insulation Program, Statement from the Network to MP Jim Turnour and Press Release, possible photo opportunity. PR Campaign needed....email to network to clarify.	1.30 – 2.30 Jim Turnour meeting @cafe @ CRC	
Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 April 2010 5.30pm – 7.30pm @ TBA ???Maybe CAFNEC		