

NAME: **Tropical Green Building Network**

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ISSUE	INFORMATION PRESENTED AND/OR ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTIONS	WHO
Latest News and Announcements			
Sustainable Building Forum and 2010 Building Codes	6 star system adopted for houses. Issues over measuring in credits for patios and ceiling fans. Sustainable tropical should be higher, not concessions. Concern over Dev Code including issues. Peer review process has issues. Letter not necessary as Forum outcomes document list our concerns.	Continue to maintain pressure to State Govt, pending release of BCA2010 in May.	
Sustainable Living Field Day Argentea 24 April	A number of members having stalls including HIA and Bluescope Water.		
Green Living Expo Date TBA	No new news, still waiting on announcement of date.		
Sustainable Regions Initiative: Energy Summit News	Forum for Small to Medium Business to be held 7 May 8.30 – 5pm at the Shangri-La Hotel Cost \$44pp	Spread word on date and time	
Sustainable Regions Initiative: B E Team	Nothing to Report		
Cairns Home Magazine and Home Show	Lance and Julie from Cairns Home magazine presented about their advertorials. Keen to work with TGBN for content. No Home Show this year.	They to email for interest in article submissions and how TGBN can contribute.	
Prof Hams Lecture	Prof Hams Thematic Communications 2 day lecture – Townsville 12 th 13 th April. Free. Will focus on Sustainability and Green Building	Emma is attending and will report back.	

Issues for Discussion			
TGBN Project Officer Position	Administration of the position with CAFNEC for an Urban Sustainability Officer. All agreed that the 1 day for TGBN work could be done by the same person being employed to do some work for CAFNEC. So the position description will be for 24 hours pw. Discussion about performance criteria and measurable. The Duty statement to include the requirements for accountability of the CRC grant funding. We need to write a letter of appreciation to Council.	Committee assembled to provide management direction to CAFNEC. Position description to be finalized and interviews held. TGBN to include CRC logo on administrative and promotional materials	Peter C, Nick and Emma
Tablelands Reference Group	Invitation to participate in the Tablelands Regional Council key sector reference group. People from industry to discuss planning scheme, proposals, landscapes etc. Have individuals already invited, Meeting on 13th	To email Greg Byrne inviting him to represent the TGBN	Emma
ATA Items	Sustainable House Day 12 Sept. ATA is 30 years old this year, Birthday Party Saturday 21 August at the Esplanade.		
Best Practice Guide for Air-Conditioning	The TGBN requested that the Council, through the Urban Design Advisory Board lead an initiative to bring about a Best Practice Guide for Air-conditioning in the Tropics. The Council supports the initiative although as the Guide is not solely to do with design, the UDAB cannot take it forward. The TGBN may discuss moving this project forward through Sustainable TNQ and also working with Cairns Regional Council Environmental Assessment Department. Review Best Practice Guide, see previous email string.		
Subgroups			
Insulation	Subgroup has met. Editorial and other public education work to be carried out. Driver for the sub-group should be to go back to the Federal Govt with revisions. Issues are to do with installation.	Release Editorial	Insulation Sub-group
Grey water systems	The subgroup has met. TAFE is confirming GIS student uptake of the project. Soil engineers are being brought together to start the soil layer of the Map. Looking at soil types, flood levels, watercourses etc. Current focus is southern corridor.	Awaiting MOA signoff between TAFE and CRC. Soil Engineers to congregate	Emma and Jason
Rainwater	Noted information that TRC and Cassowary Coast now all require rainwater tanks.		
Showcase House	Subgroup has met. Looking at developing the strategy and framework for the project as well as defining the parameters for what constitutes a sustainable tropical house.		
Next Meeting	Wednesday 5 May 2010 5.30pm – 7.30pm @ CAFNEC		