

NAME: Tropical Green Building Network

MEETING: STRATEGY SESSION

FACILITATOR: Anna McGuire

MINUTES: Anna McGuire

DATE: 1st December 2010

PRESENT: Sandra Dibbs, Max Bryant, Emma Thirkell, Jan Jones, Anthony Beecham, Anna McGuire

APOLOGIES: Peter Collins, Nick Skutenko, Christine Doan, Peter Zieth, Julie Zieth, Kathy Rankin, Colin Rick, Stacey O'Brien, Marina Gibson, Maree Grenfell



Issue	Information presented and/or action to be taken	ACTIONS	WHO
Latest news and announcements			
Regional Development Authority – regional road map	The Regional Development Authority Far North Queensland and Torres Strait group have released a consultation version of a regional road map. This document is designed to work across all 3 levels of government and to provide an overview of issues, visions, and desires of the region to guide funding decisions and set a direction for the region. A public symposium was held on Friday 19 th Nov, and there is now a window of opportunity for individuals and organisations to provide feedback on the draft. The road map document and more information can be found on the RDA website at http://www.rdafnqts.org.au/		
Eco Hub Meeting Dec 8	There will be a meeting about the proposed Eco Hub (which TGBN supported) on Wednesday Dec 8 th at 6pm at Cominos House, everyone welcome		
Agriculture talk	Regenerative Agriculture public talk featuring Joel Salatin of the film Food Inc. with introduction by special guest COSTA - SBS - Costas Gardening Odyssey. SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2010 Shangri-La Hotel, The Marina Cairns, 6pm - \$20/Adult, Kids Free. www.FreeRangePermaculture.com.au or call 4086 8019.		
Green Painters Course	GreenPainters Association course will be held free of charge in Cairns in early 2011. The program will involve a one day course for managers to become qualified in sustainability. Apprentices will also be able to receive the training for free, thanks to Construction Skills Queensland. After completing the course they will be listed on the government web-site, and become GreenPainters Accredited. Participants will then have 8 months to implement and monitor the changes in their business.		

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New ideas			
Discussion of survey results	11 members responded to the survey. A summary of the results is available on the forum website. Suggestions in the surveys included: • change meeting venue • reconsider meeting time • greater focus on projects • guest speakers • tours of built environment These suggestions were discussed and it was decided that: 1. The group will look for an alternative meeting venue. The options so far include: Library meeting room, costs \$30 per meeting, can't be booked for more than 5 meetings at a time. Cominos House downstairs, costs \$12, only available Monday nights. 2. The meeting day and time will remain the same as this suits most people. 3. Effort will be made to keep up to date with speakers being arranged by other groups, and focus will be on getting speakers at meetings to assist the group with learning about new ideas and projects. 4. Every second meeting could be a tour of a building or site.	Find meeting venue Make contact with other groups to ensure we are kept up to date	Anna (please suggest meeting venues if you think of one). Anna
Strategy session	The group identified 2 key priorities and 4 projects that the TGBN could realistically achieve next year. There are: PRIORITIES Priority I. Promoting green building design and appropriate environmental practices to industry, government and community.		

	Priority 2. Encouraging research in and promoting awareness of green building and sustainability technologies. PROJECTS Priority I - Project a. Creating a brief for how to build/design a sustainable tropical home. Priority I - Project b. Running an education/public awareness program including a forum on building affordable sustainable houses in the tropics, and holding information nights every three months. Priority 2. – Project a. Working with JCU to encourage a sustainable building design research centre/architecture faculty and encourage building material research. Priority 2. – Project b Developing and maintaining a website more suitable for public use. The target audience and purpose of the website are yet to be determined.		Sandra Dibbs offered to work with existing Sustainable House Working Group on brief.
Group process	It was suggested that an advisory committee be established to help with decision making and guiding the group's direction. This group could be made up of representatives from HIA, MBA, BDAQ, PIA, UDIA, JCU, RIA or could be a smaller selection of these.	Work out how the committee would function Invite potential committee members to be involved	Emma and Anna Emma and Anna
Next Meeting	Wednesday 2nd February 2011 5.30pm – 7.30pm Venue to be confirmed <i>Enjoy the holidays!</i>		

