

NAME: Tropical Green Building Network

MEETING: STRATEGY SESSION

FACILITATOR: Anna McGuire

MINUTES: Anna McGuire

DATE: 2nd March 2011

PRESENT: Trevor Hardwick, Nikki Huddy, Christian Kluver, Kathy Rankin, Kay Bennett, Sandra Dibbs, Sophie Barrett, Ramon Davis, Daryl Douglas, Patrick Winter, Robert Buhrke, Emma Thirkell, Anna McGuire.

APOLOGIES: Christine Doan, Colin and Maureen Dow, Nick Skutenko, Max Bryant, Sarah Harlen, Gavin Kay, Rachel Whymark, Brynn Mathews



Issue	Information presented and/or action to be taken	ACTIONS	WHO
Latest news and announcements			
<u>UDIA workshop</u>	Cairns, Friday 11 th March. Queensland's Smarter Small Home, lunch and workshop with Kevin Doodney & Mark Doonar. Lunch 12:00pm for 12:30pm start to 2pm. Workshop 2-4pm. Cost: lunch \$55 members, \$65 non-members. Workshop \$15 per person. RSVP Tues 8 March.		
Tropical Green Build Forum	Cairns. 12th April 2011. Speakers, trade display and networking. Free event. More details will be available soon.		
<u>Green Star Foundation Course</u>	Cairns, 13th April 2011. Member Price: \$550 plus manuals. Non-member Price: \$800 plus manuals. Green Star Foundation Course in Townsville, 29 March.		
<u>Green Cities 2011</u>	Melbourne Exhibition Centre, 27 Feb - 2 March. Price \$2195 non-member for full conference.		
<u>Green Painters Course</u>	HIA Cairns, 24th March 2011. Course costs \$150 per person, and is free for apprentices. Bookings essential. Call 0402 312 234 for more information.		
LETS, Tablelands	Sandra to provide information to the group about upcoming LETS events that aim to provide an opportunity for exchanging information on sustainable building design.		
<u>Austropex</u> (previously Australian Tropical Expertise Consortium)	This local project, initiated by Advance Cairns, now has a new look and a new name – Austropex. The aim of the project is to market tropical expertise and promote the development of local businesses relevant to the tropics. Companies and individuals can register to be included on the website, which features a built environment section. The		

	website then provides a conduit for directing clients to local experts and for promoting opportunities for local businesses.		
New ideas/reports			
Steering Committee	The TGBN Steering Committee has nearly been formed. There have also been discussions with Sustainable TNQ and Advance Cairns about how this committee could also provide input to regional initiatives and the Austropex project. The main aim of this would be to ensure that network members, and the sustainable built environment sector are well represented and well promoted.		
Tours/speakers	<i>Brainstormed ideas for potential tour sites:</i> Dental school, JCU New TAFE building, J Block Conics/RPS building Sophie to ask at BDAQ meeting for more possibilities <i>And potential speakers/topics</i> Ramon – earth building (w building inspector from Sophie's contact) TAFE building project speakers Richard Ainsley (collaborate with BDAQ) Cyclone rating of earth buildings (Ramon?) Planning scheme Sandra – near Malanda/Atherton Star ratings scheme (BCA) Rosemary Kennedy, QUT centre for tropical design Transition Towns	Send Transition Towns workshop information out to list Arrange tour for next month	Anna
Ratings schemes	There is a subgroup that was set up to work on this, now inactive. Was decided that this is something that is worth	Write a letter outlining the need for building ratings that take into account tropical environment	Sophie and Sandra
Greywater report	<i>Project update:</i> The TAFE GIS students created greywater maps and reports on the Mt Sheridan pilot area last year. One of these student reports, completed by Shannon-Lee Elcoate, is hopefully going to be used for the Mt Sheridan trial project. Anna spoke to Greg Patterson, TAFE GIS lecturer 1st March. It was agreed that for the Mt Sheridan trial mapping it would be good to go ahead and use	Email update to Greywater subgroup members and arrange meeting with those involved when Greg is in Cairns (April)	Anna

	Shannon's mapping. For the whole of Cairns mapping he suggested that he could get the students working on a map book approach that would be easier to use and combine all the data we need. Greg mentioned that one of his current students has managed to get the ground water data layer that we need and he's in the process of getting permission for it to be used by all of the students and for our project. He also said that he would try to get some students in Canberra working on the project and perhaps do some work on it himself and get back to me in the next couple of weeks. Anna also spoke to Shannon, who has agreed to liaise with Greg and to present her mapping to the Greywater mapping group in April when Greg is here.		
Sustainable House Working Group	The existing Sustainable House project is temporarily on hold as the block of land was sold and now the economic situation is not conducive to the project. There was discussion about this area being divided into two main elements: 1. Display house 2. Specifications for a sustainable house/building While progress on the display house is being hindered at the moment, there is no need not to progress on developing a set of principles or guidelines for a sustainable tropical house. Sophie, Sandra and Patrick agreed to work on this.	Work on specifications for a 'sustainable tropical house'	Sophie, Sandra, Patrick
Green Build forum	Kathy Rankin, Principal Regional Development Officer, Cairns Centre DEEDI, spoke about the upcoming Green Building Forum to be held in Cairns on April 12th. This will involve an afternoon of guest speakers followed by networking. If anyone has further suggestions for guest speakers for this forum please contact Kathy on 4048 1126. Further details will be sent around in the next two weeks.		
Video conferencing to reduce need for travel	Christine Doan asked us to discuss options for video conferencing to include members who live out of Cairns and would like to be involved in meetings. Sandra offered to contact Tablelands members to see if they can arrange a joint skype in to meetings from there. Christine will keep the group informed of new technology and ideas for communicating effectively across distance.	Contact Tablelands members about video conferencing	Sandra
Stimulation project for Cairns	Patrick Winter spoke about an idea that he has for how to stimulate the local economy and encourage green building design. This is to ask the government to locate an office (new office for carbon pricing?) in Cairns. This sustainable building could be a tourist information centre on ground floor with government sectors on upper floors.		
Issues for discussion			

What does 2011 have in store?	• Every second meeting will be a building tour or a guest speaker • Draft Calendar of events is included below • Other project ideas discussed included <i>Suggestion for website – tips for how to overcome building issues</i> <i>Improving website to provide information to the public</i> <i>Creating fact sheets – solar, lighting, retrofitting etc.</i>		
Next Meeting	Wednesday 6th April 2011 5.30pm – 7.30pm City Library		

Month	Meeting	Events	Projects
February	Yasi, meeting cancelled		Establish steering committee
March	Meeting		Form steering committee
April	Tour – William McCormack Place (TBC)	Green Building Symposium (Q-WIN, DEEDI, TGBN) April 12th	Greywater mapping meeting with Greg Patterson
May	Meeting with 30 min guest speaker		
June	Tour – TAFE Health and Sustainability building?	Sustainable Living Expo, June 26th	Greywater mapping launch?
July	Meeting	Public workshop on green building?	
August	Tour/Guest Speaker TBC		
September	Meeting	Sustainable House Day, Sunday 11 th September	
October	Tour – TBC	Public workshop on green building?	
November	Meeting		
December	End of year celebration		