



Invitation and Agenda

Meeting: No. 23 Wed 4th May 2011

Place: Cairns City Library , Meeting room 1

Time: 5.30 pm to 7.15 pm

The Network's charter is to identify, develop and action projects that will have a measurable impact on the uptake of sustainable building practices in Far North Queensland. To achieve this, builders, construction service professionals, building material manufacturers, retailers, government representatives, industry and community associations and other interested stakeholders are invited to work together.

A 'contact register' is being circulated. Please give your business cards if this is your first meeting.

Previous minutes can be found attached and further information at www.greenbuild.com.au/forum

5.30 pm **Introduction** from everyone present and a short explanation of their interest/ activities in Green Building/ Sustainable Development or Urban Sustainability.

5.40 pm **Latest News and Announcements**

TGBN steering committee formed

- We now have a steering committee of 10 people representing the HIA, BDAQ, PIA, DEEDI, Austropex, Industry, Council, Australia Institute of Architects, Engineers Australia and JCU.
- This committee will meet for the first time on May 18.

Upcoming events

- '100% Renewable Energy: more than just a big idea'. Free public forum and presentation by authors of the Zero Carbon Australia report, 12th May from 5.45pm, Civic Reception Room, Council chambers, 119-145 Spence St.
- Sustainable Living Expo, June 26th 2011, Cairns Esplanade, 11am-4pm.
- Building tour of new TAFE Heath and Sustainability building, June 2011.

6pm **Web conferencing effort to link with Tablelands members**

- Last month was our first trial of using web conferencing to allow Tablelands members to join the meeting without having to drive to Cairns. There were some technical difficulties which we hope to iron out in the next couple of months by trial and error. We're now using a free online service called Vyew which allows us to share documents and presentations while also being able to talk and use webcam.

6.15 pm **Sustainable House Day, September 11th 2011**

- This is still a while away but it would be great if people can start thinking about whether they would like to offer their house for display, or to ask other people they know if they would like to be involved.

6.20 pm **Working group discussions (in groups)**

Sustainable House working group

- The project has been delayed by some complications – what are the options to move it along?
- Are there opportunities to work with other agencies/industry or to secure funding?
- Sophie and Sandra agreed to work on creating a 'Design Brief' for a sustainable tropical house (this was identified as a priority project in our planning last year).

Greywater mapping working group

- Discussing what do next to progress the project.

Other projects identified as priorities

- Running an education/public awareness program including a forum on building affordable sustainable houses in the tropics
- Working with JCU to encourage a sustainable building design research centre/architecture faculty and encourage building material research.
- Developing and maintaining a website more suitable for public use. The target audience and purpose of the website are yet to be determined.

6.50 pm **Report back from groups**

7.15 pm Close. Meetings are to be held on the first Wednesday of every 2nd month from 5.30 to 7.15 pm. Next meeting 6th July 2011 at the City Library.