

NAME: Tropical Green Building Network

MEETING: 24

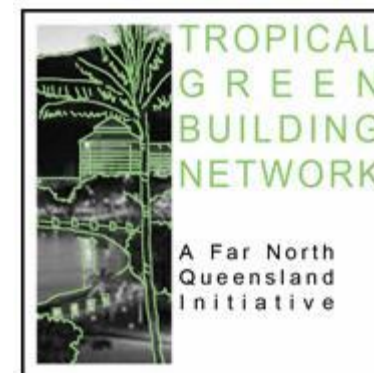
FACILITATOR: Anna McGuire

MINUTES: Anna McGuire

DATE: 6th July 2011

PRESENT: Trevor Hardwick, Sophie Barrett, Anna McGuire, Paul Cleary, Patrick Winter.

APOLOGIES: Max Bryant, Brynn Mathews, Lisa Law



Issue	Discussed	Action	Who
Latest news and announcements			
Upcoming events	• Cairns CBD MasterPlan, Lunch with Caroline Stalker, Architectus Pty Ltd Friday July 15th, 12:00pm to 2pm, Trinity Room at the Shangri-La • TGBN Guest speaker, Shaneen Fantin Wednesday 3 August, 5.30pm Cairns City Library.		
Sustainable House Day Sunday 11th September 2011	So far we have 5 houses interested in being part of this, and would like to have 10 houses on display. Can anyone suggest a home owner that might be interested? Sophie has offered to arrange free advice on house design (BDAQ). Suggested that people could bring house designs for feedback. The event could also be used more broadly to promote the use of architects and designers. We need to promote the call out for houses more broadly: - Sophie offered to send out to BDAQ members - Anna will draft media release and send out requesting houses for display	Send house group minutes out with other minutes Organise another house group meeting	Anna Anna Sophie Anna
Successful grant application	CAFNEC has received a grant from NRMA insurance for the creation of a 'retrofitting for sustainability in the tropics' booklet. The grant is \$5000 and they are looking for someone to write the booklet. The pay wouldn't be good, but an interesting job. Anyone interested please contact CAFNEC.		
Austropex Conference	This conference will be held on 12 August and aims to bring together specialists across the ten industry groups that make up the regional tropical		

	expertise sector. The Conference is part of the Advance Cairns mission to diversify the Tropical North Queensland economy by focusing on our strengths, ingenuity and expertise. There will be a Built Environment session in the morning that is likely to be of interest to TGBN members. TGBN members are involved in organising this event and some members will be presenting at the conference.		
Report from the Procuring innovative building workshop	Anna attended this workshop, which was about procurement processes for buildings and how these influence innovation and sustainability. The workshop was run by Melbourne architect Phillip Daffara. The presentation can be viewed online, and there are some interesting resources available as well. Visit: http://www.placesense.com.au/procuring-innovative--sustainable-buildings.html Click on <u>2.0 Participant blog and resources download</u> Then the password is thinkdifferent.		
Report from the TAFE building tour	The TGBN tour of the new Tafe Health and Sustainability Precinct was well attended and interesting. Project architect Edi Piagno and Tafe Assets and Infrastructure Manager Eddie McKeown, led a guided tour highlighting the energy and water efficiency measures of the building, how materials were recycled, and how low impact materials were selected. Photos of the tour are available on the forum site http://www.greenbuild.com.au/forum in the Library section.		
New ideas/reports			
Web conferencing	We will continue to work on linking to the tablelands. This isn't happening this month because Greg is away.		
Communication	It was suggested that the TGBN could put out a newsletter, with articles by TGBN members, which could be put it out in hardware stores etc. Advertising could pay for printing costs. Alternatively, a regular column in Cairns Post could achieve the same outcome with less effort on our part. Also option of a Cairns Sun column – Sophie to email contact at Cairns Sun.	Investigate Cairns Post option Email Cairns Sun contact	Anna Sophie
TGBN day in Tablelands	Patrick suggested a community day in the Tablelands doing hands on building project (earth wall, straw bale, etc) or some kind of tour. This would encourage people to get involved and be something more engaging than meetings.		

Working group discussions	
Sustainable House Working Group	This working group met on Monday 4th July (see attached minutes) to discuss the future of the display house project. Alternative models were discussed, including the model of using private clients and adding to the value of their home by getting discounts for products and services in exchange for the publicity of the house being displayed for a period of time. This was considered to be the most likely model to succeed. Next steps: Model diagram (Peter Collins) Patrick to check with client about timeframe Sophie to send design brief template to Patrick Consider extent of likely discounts and donations Re-write expression of interest documents ALSO Writing a brief for a sustainable home is a separate but related project. Sophie and Sandra – agreed to draft a brief for a sustainable tropical house. Alternative model: Sophie to talk to builder that she is working with about the idea of a sustainable display house Send out email to whole network inviting people to be involved and inviting to meeting (in 2 weeks). Anna Peter Collins Patrick Sophie Sophie and Sandra Sophie
JCU	<i>Centre for the Tropical Built Environment (CTBE)</i> This is being discussed as a possibility at JCU and Lisa Law has offered to involve us in these discussions. <i>Cairns Institute – new buildings</i> We will continue to stay informed of progress with these new buildings and with the Cairns Institute. Attend CTBE meetings Anna
Next TGBN Event	TGBN Guest speaker Shaneen Fantin, People Oriented Design 3rd August 2011, 5.30pm – 7.15pm, City Library, Cairns.
Next Meeting	Wednesday 7th September 2011 5.30pm – 7.15pm City Library, Cairns.