

Tropical Green Building Network Steering (TGBN) Committee

Minutes: Meeting 3, Wednesday November 30th, 10am-11.30am, McKenzie Room, Cairns Regional Council, Spence St.

Present:

Organisation	Representative present
BlueScope Water	Nick Skutenko
Building Designers Association of Queensland (BDAQ)	Sophie Barrett
Cairns Regional Council, Planning and Environment	Peter Boyd
Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)	Kathy Rankin
Advance Cairns/Australian Tropical Expertise (Austropex)	Nicky Swan
Greenbuild and Recyclebuild	Emma Thirkell
Australian Institute of Architects	Edi Piagno (Total Project Group)
Guests: Kenick Constructions	Rachel Whymark and Kent Hams

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Engineers Australia	Daniel Kennett (ARUP)
James Cook University	Dr Lisa Law
Planning Institute of Australia (PIA)	Nikki Huddy
Housing Industry Association (HIA)	Peter Collins

Meeting chair: Nick Skutenko

Minutes: Anna McGuire

Topic	Content	Actions
1. Introductions		
2. News and announcements	• The Chamber of Commerce end of year lunch (22 Nov) featured a presentation by Dr Karl on the topic of renewable energy. This event was very well attended and there was a lot of interest in the topic. • The recent Green Collar Workforce event was a success. • Sophie Barrett and Kim Forde are organising a Climate Smart Business Cluster. Businesses can sign up to the program to receive assistance with energy audits and improving energy efficiency.	
3. Arising from last meeting	Issues arising from previous meeting - Nikki was not present at the meeting, so unsure of progress with inviting TerraModus to join the committee. - Kathy and Nicky are members of the regional energy advisory group so they will be the contact point for this. - Update on Advancing Tropical Green Build (Kathy) <i>The contract has been awarded to local company Cummings Economics. Emma Thirkell and Sandy McCathy will be assisting with this project. A survey is being developed and this will be rolled out in Jan-March 2012.</i>	Check with Nikki about TerraModus - Anna

4. Update on TGBN activities	General TGBN Report back (Anna) Meeting on theme of education (Sep) <i>This went well, good attendance.</i> Letter of support re: JCU course (Nov) <i>The TGBN along with other organisations has sent a letter of support for the creation of a Tropical sustainable architecture course to the local Institute of Architects members</i> Botanic gardens visitor centre tour (Oct) <i>An interesting tour of the new building with architect Charles Wright. About 15-20 people attended</i> Meeting/guest speaker on theme of waste (Nov) <i>Nigel Crumpton from CRC presented about general waste practices and C&D waste. About 25 people attended.</i> Waste facilities tour (Nov) <i>Tour of the recycling facility and the Bedminster. About 15 people attended and it was a good chance to have some questions answered.</i> Greywater mapping project update <i>Anna met with Greg Gilboy to discuss the need for a change to this project The suggested outcome is that the focus of the project shift to a checklist style of approach, backed up by mapping rather than an overly complex mapping project.</i> Feedback on general direction of TGBN? • It was suggested that the network do another member survey at the end of the year to gauge satisfaction of members and gather feedback and ideas for next year. • It was suggested that the TGBN could organise a Green Building Trades Show for local businesses in 2012. • Continue to use other events (e.g. Carnival on Collins, Sustainable Living Expo) as opportunities to promote green building. • A question was raised about whether the TGBN could be the contact point for the Green Build section of the Sustainable Malanda Scoping Document, and group agreed that would be fine. • Carbon price could be a good topic for early 2012 meeting. • Mandatory energy efficiency disclosure will be introduced	Follow up with TAFE about the drafting course - Sophie/Anna Prepare a letter of support for drafting course from the TGBN if required – Anna. Re-establish the greywater working group – Anna. Talk to Council and Tafe about greywater project – Anna. Organise a member survey – Anna
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	in May 2012. This could be a good topic for a meeting.	
5. Sustainable Display House Project	• Sophie Barrett and Rachel Whymark gave a presentation on the TGBN sustainable display home project. • This project is progressing well, a call for expressions of interest was sent out last week and there have been some good responses. • The next public TGBN meeting will focus on this project. Points raised at the meeting were • Solar roof might be possible (Nicky Swan) • Bluescope might be interested in supplying Roof/tanks (Nick Skutenko) • Suggested products to investigate: Papyrus Australia (timber look products made from banana plants) • Solar air conditioning ask (Kieran O'Brien)	
6. TGBN website and email address	It was suggested that the TGBN needs its own website and email address (rather than being reliant on CAFNEC or Greenbuild). The meeting was out of time once this agenda item was reached, so most of the discussion was postponed until the next steering committee meeting. Emma will provide a summary of her opinion to the committee before the next meeting.	Provide summary to committee before next meeting.
7. Next meeting	Wednesday 29th February 10-11.30am at the Council Administration building, 119-145 Spence St (meeting room TBA).	

