



Invitation and Agenda

Meeting: No. 5 Wednesday 6th May 2009

Place: Cairns City Library meeting room 1

Time: 5.30 pm to 7.30 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 leave business cards on the table near the door.

5.30 pm **Introduction** from everyone present and a short explanation of their interest/ activities in Green Building/ Development or Urban Sustainability. A full list of Network participants and their details can be found if you register onto the Forum at <http://www.greenbuild.com.au/forum/>

5.45 pm **Latest News and Announcements:**

- News from TAFE re: J Block Sustainable Building Expressions of Interest.
- Green Living Expo Saturday 20th June 2009: After the success of the inaugural expo in 2008, TAFE is partnering with Cairns Regional Council and media partner ABC Radio Far North to again present this free community event. The expo will feature interactive workshops, information and education stalls, environmentally friendly products and services and tips and tools for reducing eco-footprints.
- Other news from the network

6.00 pm **Issues for discussion**

- Qld Gov. Solar Hot Water Programme – dangers for regional suppliers?
- Affordable tropical sustainable houses – funding opportunities for a design competition leading onto the construction of showcase homes in the region with selected builders and developers.

6.30 pm **Presentation - www.greenbuild.com.au and nqbuild.com.au**

Environmental building marketing portal that is dedicated to promoting green build materials and services in North Queensland. Launched in March 2009 to provide a cost effective way of presenting new building choices if you live in this tropical part of Australia. Potentially most of the network participants should take the opportunity of being represented on this website.

Marketing of the websites by direct mail and email to builders, tradespeople and construction service professionals has already commenced. From July 2009, the websites are to be advertised in the following newspapers: Ayr Advocate; Bowen Independent; Cairns Sun; Cooktown Local News; Home Hill Observer; Innisfail Advocate; Isa news; Mackay Daily Mercury; North Queensland Register; Port Douglas and Mossman Gazette; The Cairns Weekend Post; The Herbert River Express; The Northern Miner; The Tablelander; The Tablelands Advertiser; The Tablelands Advertiser; The Townsville Sun; Torres News; Townsville Bulletin; TullyTimes; Weekend Bowen Independent; Weipa Bulletin; Whitsunday Times.

The websites are also going to be promoted on local radio in 2010. There is also high internet based traffic with NQ build receiving over 50,000 hits in the last 16 weeks since its soft launch with enquiry coming from all over Australia. The Greenbuild website is already listed at No.2 on a google search under green build and it has only been launched for 4 weeks. Ecospecifier, is recognising our work and we are organising supportive opportunities.

6.50 pm **Subgroups:**

Rainwater tanks | Water Management | Grey Water Systems | Insulation

Presentation by each subgroup of where 'work is at' to the meeting. The subgroups have been doing **great work** that **benefits all**. It is a credit to the people involved. Meeting break into subgroups as required.

7.30 pm Close. Meetings are to be held on the first Wednesday of every month from 5.30 to 7.30 pm at the Cairns City Library. Next meeting 3rd June 2009