



Invitation and Agenda

Meeting: No. 6 Wednesday 3rd June 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:**

- Green Living Expo Saturday 20th June 2009: Update of stall registrations and workshops
- Green Building Council: Cairns Greenstar Course a sell out.
- Regional Sustainable Framework/ CAFNEC: Securing federal government funding
- Centre for Excellence in Tropical Design (Townsville Region)

6.00 pm **Issues for discussion**

- **Affordable Tropical Sustainable Houses – Setting a Standard:** Establishing a subgroup that develops the design parameters, baseline specifications and best 'green' practice for general public use; in preparation for a government funding opportunity; the possibility of a design competition; leading onto the construction of showcase homes in the region.
- **Register of 'Green' Buildings in Far North Queensland**

6.30 pm **Presentation - The Laminex Group, 'Green First' range of products**

This is a **must see** presentation for all those looking for sustainable and healthier interior fitouts. The Laminex Group is Australia's largest manufacturer of the country's first range of these types of products that support the Green Star rating tools.

David Dwight, manager of the Cairns Branch of The Laminex Group and Green Building Council Green Star Accredited Professional will present the full range of low formaldehyde and VOC laminates, particleboard, MDF and FSC timber veneers providing solutions for interior walls, floors and cabinetry that is a commercially viable and easier to build solution supporting creative design flexibility.

The Laminex Group is committed to Ecologically Sustainable Development and are the first wood panel manufacturer in Australasia to initiate a life cycle analysis that also invests heavily in several major long-term environmental projects including wood recycling and bio-energy generation programs. "This will lead to a significant reduction in landfill material, fewer vehicle movements and reduced greenhouse emissions. Also, the wood used to make our panel products comes from state government plantations that practise effective renewable resource management".

6.50 pm **Subgroups:**

Insulation: Letter to Fed Dept of Environment concerning Rebate.

Rainwater tanks: Editorial : Cairns Bulletin publicity

Water Management: No work to present

Grey Water Systems: Work in progress

For more details about the aims and work of the subgroups: <http://www.greenbuild.com.au/forum>

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 1st June 2009