

NAME: **Tropical Green Building Network**

FACILITATOR: Julie Fry

MINUTES: Peter Zieth (GHD)

DATE: 3 June 2009

PRESENT: See attached list

GUEST SPEAKER/S: Laminex Group

APOLOGIES: See attached list



ISSUE	INFORMATION PRESENTED AND/OR ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTIONS	WHO
Latest News and Announcements			
Green Living Expo	Saturday 20 th June 2009 (8am-2pm). Information available on the forum applications. 20 stall's to date. Looking for more stalls. Providing FNQ people access to services and businesses. 14 Workshops lined up so far e.g. Home green, greywater, terrain, permaculture, composting etc.		
Green Building Council	Overview of GBC. Green Star course for becoming Accredited Professionals.		
Regional Sustainable Framework	Funding application did not proceed.		
CAFNEC	CAFNEC advised that they submitted for funding to employ a Sustainability Officer that may help administrate the TGBN.		
Ctr Excellence Tropical Design	Information available on website – Townsville based. New charter as participants in broad partnerships with Ergon, JCU etc? Minutes posted to Greenbuild Forum. Good project on green rating that is a local project. Also, reintroduction of Architecture at JCU. Future issue – rating software applicable to Tropical Design solutions.	Members urged to look at minutes.	All members

Issues for Discussion			
Register of Green Buildings	Sustainable House day 13 th September – AGO, Dept of Environment – Register available with only 3 in Townsville and 1 in Cairns (on Jensen St) but know there are others around.	Email a request of forum members to populate a list with criteria. Make a Register and contact information for people to see.	Emma T
Affordable Tropical Sustainable Houses	Partners looking for funding for competition. Looking to this group for setting a standard. For measurable. Look at standards currently out there and assessing them for local environment. Added to, adapted for, local. New sub-group??	Call for standards in Tropical Design – checklist for evaluation on website. EOI for sub-committee. Bring info to next meeting.	Next Meeting
Presentation			
Laminex Group	David Dwight – presentation Issue is for the State Gov'ts to have wood recycling centre's and programs. www.geca.org.au Size-wise Ready Cut will supply their green products and any product/millworker can provide with Chain of Custody.	www.thelaminexgroup.com.au www.geca.org.au www.gbcaus.org www.greenfirst.com.au	
Subgroups			
Rainwater Tanks	Cairns bulletin 20 th May and Cairns Sun 27 th May editorial. Easy to retrofit a tank. Main issues covered.		
Water Management	Nothing happening presently. Environmental story needs to be heard – infrastructure, damage to environment etc. Need awareness of issues - rainwater tanks only a part of the issue.		
Grey water systems	Been doing some good work. Meeting at TAFE. Grey water mapping underway. Keep pushing forward.		
Insulation	Letter sent to Minister for Environment, Water, & Arts – encouraging guidelines and regulations in tropics. Available on the forum. Getting foil insulation in guidelines.	Media Releases – Health insulation choices for the tropics.	
Next Meeting	Wednesday 1 July 2009 5.30pm – 7.30pm @		