

NAME: Tropical Green Building Network

FACILITATOR: Emma Thirkell

MINUTES: Donna Shields RPM Enviro

DATE: 1 July 2009

PRESENT: See attached list

GUEST SPEAKER/S: Chris Ansell, D & N Oliver on Reflective Thermal Insulation

APOLOGIES: See attached list



ISSUE	INFORMATION PRESENTED AND/OR ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTIONS	WHO
Latest News and Announcements			
Green Living Expo	Successfully held on Saturday 20th June 2009. Congratulations to all involved. Suggestions for next year: • Coincide event with World Environment week • Start event later and finish later in day. • Centralise workshops with less time for each, say 30 mins average. • Encourage a 'fiesta' atmosphere.	Send letter to TAFE and organizers with this suggestion	Emma
TAFE J Block	\$10M Federal Government has been approved. Congratulations to us for helping make this happen. Jason Van B is moving forward with Project Managers.		
Cairns Central Shopping Centre Sustainability Expo	June 4 th to 14 th . Organized by Ivan Quintieri from Lendlease. Some found out too late to organize it but it was very successful. RPM Enviro displayed.		
Qanats 'Be Green' day	June 5. Organised by Jarl Van Baalen and held at Q Catering. There were 6 displays over two hours to coincide with World Environment day for Qantas staff. Qantas and Q Catering have many sustainable operational features in place.		

Issues for Discussion			
Tropical House Retro-fit	Proposal attached.	Motion put to the meeting that we partner with CAFNEC to carry out this proposal. Motion carried. Send letter to CAFNEC	Emma
Ergon Sustainability Fund	Details of the funding is available from the Ergon website. The fund will provide up to \$20,000 for a project. Deadline is 31 st July 2009		
Affordable Tropical Sustainable Houses	Discussion around producing a series of 'fact sheets'. - Each fact sheet sponsored by a different business? - Work with Councils of different issues making it available to the public - Promote HIA Greensmart programme. - Townsville City Council has produced and we should get a copy. Speak to Jo Prego part of the CETD.	Contact Townsville City Council	Emma
Sustainable House Day	Sunday 13 th September 2009 run by Australia and New Zealand Solar Energy Society (ANZSES). There were only two homes opened last year. Agreed that this needs to improve. Peter Collins from the HIA will make contact with some home owners. Partner with CAFNEC to carry out organisation this year.	Contact potential Home owners Contact Councils Contact newspapers Complete paperwork for each house Organise photo's and editorials Organise volunteers to man houses if required.	Peter Collins Sarah Hoyal Emma T
Building Material Re-cycling	Discussion around how we can start tackling the parts of the construction industry can be organized to recycle. Eg. Given of Laminex Group yard in Gympie that will take timber off-cuts.	Set up knowledge base of current and possible opportunities. Organise a tour of the Bedminster plant. Request that Council supplies yellow bins to construction sites.	Emma
Presentation			
Thermotec Insulation	Presenter: Chris Ansell from D & N Oliver. Thermotec is an Australian company with a range of insulation products. One of the products, E-Therm is a reflective thermal insulation with foil sides and extruded closed cell polyethylene foam. The products have many environmental benefits.	http://www.thermotec.com.au/	
Subgroups			
Rainwater Tanks	No work to report. Fact sheet available on Forum		
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. Grey water mapping underway. Keep pushing forward. Call a meeting to work on the Memorandum of understanding between TAFE and Council as the main stakeholders.	Call meeting of the sub group	Emma
Insulation	Letter sent to Minister for Environment, Water & Arts about the Home Owners Insulation programme. Request for inclusion on reflective thermal insulation blankets including installing under the roof sheeting.	Media Releases – Health insulation choices for the tropics.	Emma
Next Meeting	Wednesday 5 August 2009 5.30pm – 7.30pm @ Cairns Library		